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Re: New Utility Patent
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SIR:

With reference to this filing, in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, of an application for a new utility patent by Anuthep Benja-Athon, M.D.: The prevention and treatment of disc herniation, the undersigned applicant herein responds to 12-5-2006 office action and to elect the following restriction and claims 1-19 as the invention:

Invention comprises Claims 1-19, drawn to a method of preventing and treating intervertebral disc herniation of a spine, classified in class 600, subclass 594.

The undersigned applicant can be reached at 212 545 7075.

Respectfully submitted,



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